

REMARKS

Independent claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lamb in view of Lange. Claim 16 has been amended to call for detecting the occurrence of a network event, upon detecting the occurrence of the network event, determining whether personal agent software for the event has been received from a subscriber, and if said personal agent software for the event has been received from the subscriber, executing the personal agent software to provide services to the subscriber. It is respectfully submitted that Lamb in combination with Lange fails to disclose determining whether personal agent software for a network event has been received from a subscriber upon detecting the occurrence of the network event.

For example, in Lamb, a given user agent is associated with a particular user upon registration with the system. Column 36, line 52-56. The user agent for the user is either loaded into a memory 230 on the telecommunications hosting server (THS) or is persistently maintained on a disk such as a user agent database 220. Column 39, line 66-column 40, line 64; Figure 4. However, Lamb's runtime environment 300 is generally always executing or otherwise performing. Column 42, lines 1-36; Figure 5B. When an event related to the user agent for the particular user occurs, the runtime environment loads the particular user agent into the THS memory to process the event. *Id.* See also, column 39, line 66- column 40, line 64. Thus, even if the user's user agent is not in the active state, (*i.e.*, not currently loaded and running in the THS memory) when an event occurs, the user agent was associated with the particular user upon registration, and was "programmed" by the user, both prior to the occurrence of the event. Accordingly, a determination of whether the user agent was received from a registered user takes place before any network event that affects that user takes place. As such, Lamb fails to disclose more than one limitation of claim 1.

Further, if a registered user of Lamb's system tries to contact a person that is not registered with Lamb's system, then a user agent is not available for the unregistered person. See, *e.g.*, column 47, lines 36-40. However, the unregistered person would not

be a subscriber either. Thus, even in this instance Lamb fails to disclose detecting the occurrence of a network event, upon detecting the occurrence of the network event, determining whether personal agent software for the event has been *received from a subscriber*, and if the personal agent software has been received, executing the software to provide services to the subscriber.

Lange does not cure the deficiency of Lamb. As was previously explained, Lange does not explicitly disclose detecting the occurrence of a network event, and upon detecting the occurrence of the network event, determining whether personal agent software for the event is available. *See* Reply to Paper No 20040727. For at least the same reasons, Lange does not disclose detecting the occurrence of a network event, and upon detecting the occurrence of the network event, determining whether personal agent software for the event has been received from a subscriber. As such, reconsideration of the rejection of independent claim 16 and claims dependent thereon is requested.

Under a similar analysis, reconsideration of the rejection of amended claim 21 and claims dependent thereon is requested.

Claim 26 was also rejected in the Office action as being obvious over Lamb in view of Lange. In the Office action, the examiner cites to four columns of text, columns 45-48 as disclosing a system to make primitives available to personal agent software, explaining that Lamb's user agents are provided with primitives to process messaging events. However, when Lamb's system receives a message to be processed, the runtime engine for the runtime environment handles user agent processing and call connection establishment via the messaging system 305. Columns 45-46. The runtime environment can pass a call signaling message to a specific user agent. *Id.* Thus, the runtime environment calls user agents. It has not been clearly shown where in the cited passages a user agent calls a primitive. Thus, for at least this reason, reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

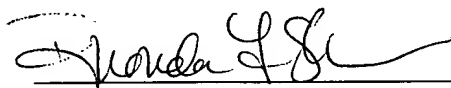
CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and the remarks above, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

The commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.0595US).

Respectfully submitted,

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